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## COVID-19 Vaccination-2<sup>nd</sup> Booster for Certain Individuals

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authorized a second booster dose of either the Pfizer or the Moderna COVID-19 vaccines for individuals 50 years and older and certain immunocompromised individuals. Following this, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has updated its clinical recommendations to include the following:

- A second booster dose of the **Pfizer or Moderna** COVID-19 vaccine may be administered to individuals 50 years of age and older at least 4 months after receipt of a first booster dose of any authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine.
- A second booster dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine may be administered to certain immunocompromised individuals (see below) 12 years of age and older at least 4 months after receipt of a first booster dose of any authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine.
- A second booster dose of the **Moderna** COVID-19 Vaccine may be administered to certain immunocompromised individuals 18 years of age and older at least 4 months after the first booster dose of any authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine.
- In addition, adults who received a primary vaccine and booster dose of Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 vaccine at least 4 months ago may now receive a second booster dose using an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine.

Immunocompromised individuals include people with a range of conditions, such as recipients of organ or stem cell transplants, people with advanced or untreated HIV infection, recipients of active treatment for cancer, people who are taking some medications that weaken the immune system, and others. A full list of conditions can be found on CDC's website: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/immuno.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/immuno.html</a>.

Individuals who are immunocompromised or 50 years of age and older may discuss with their health care provider whether getting a second booster dose is appropriate for them. If their health care provider is not at a site administering vaccines, these individuals can self-attest and receive the second booster dose wherever vaccines are offered.

Please consult your primary care physician to see if you are a candidate for a 2nd booster. You will need to bring your COVID-19 vaccination record to receive a 2<sup>nd</sup> booster. Call 409-654-3647 for appointment.